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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school district boundaries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 162.432, to read as follows:

162.432. 1. For the purpose of this section only:

- 2 (1) The term "urban school district" shall mean a school district
 3 containing most or all of a home rule city with more than four hundred
 4 thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county; and
- 5 (2) The term "seven-director school district" shall mean a school district with an average daily attendance, as such term is defined in section 163.011, RSMo, of at least ten thousand five hundred students and containing the majority of any home rule city with more than one hundred thirteen thousand two hundred but fewer than one hundred thirteen thousand three hundred inhabitants.
- 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, 11 qualified voters who reside in an urban school district and also in any 12home rule city with more than one hundred thirteen thousand two 13 hundred but fewer than one hundred thirteen thousand three hundred 15 inhabitants may petition to annex the territory of such urban school district that is located in any such home rule city to the adjoining 16 17 seven-director school district. The annexation and change in school 18 boundaries shall conform to the city boundary lines in which the voters reside and the boundary lines of the adjoining seven-director school 20 district.
 - 3. Ten percent of the number of voters who voted in the last

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annual school board election and who reside in an urban school district and also in any home rule city with more than one hundred thirteen thousand two hundred but fewer than one hundred thirteen thousand three hundred inhabitants may petition the adjoining seven-director school district for annexation to that district and a change of school boundaries. The petition for annexation and boundary change shall define adequately the physical territory to be annexed.

4. Upon the submission of the petition to the school board secretary of the adjoining seven-director school district, the seven-director school district board shall have ninety days to act upon the petition. A majority vote by the seven-director school board shall be required to accept the petition for annexation and a change of school boundaries. Upon acceptance, an election shall be held in the territory petitioned for annexation and boundary change. The election shall be held within one year after the vote of acceptance by the seven-director school board. The secretary of the seven-director school district board shall notify the secretary of the board of the urban school district of the acceptance of the petition and the date of the election. The question may be submitted on a municipal election date, August primary date, or November general election date. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

Shall the (insert territory to be annexed) portion of the (insert name of school district) school district be annexed to the (insert name of school district) school district effective the day of?

 \Box YES \Box NO

The annexing seven-director school district shall incur the cost of the election. The voters in the territory subject to annexation and school boundary change shall decide the question by a majority vote of those who vote upon the question. If assent to the annexation and boundary change is given by the annexing territory, the annexation and boundary change shall go into effect the subsequent fifteenth day of June, at which time the school tax property levy in the annexed territory shall be set at the same rate as the school tax levy in the annexing seven-director school district.

5. The apportionment of property shall be governed by sections

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58 162.031 and 162.041. The annexing seven-director school district, upon

- 59 the annexation of the territory from the urban school district, shall
- 60 possess the discretion to apportion the school property and facilities
- 61 in the annexed territory that are necessary to serve the educational
- 62 needs of the residents in the annexed territory.

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